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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Ronda M. Allen et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1654 |
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| Application No.: 09/648,641 |) | Examiner: Michael V. Meller |
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| Filed: August 25, 2000 |) | Mail Stop AF |
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| For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING DNA |) | |
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed January 12, 2004.

Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.